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CHAPTER 160.

AN ACT to amend 343.183 of the statutes, relating to the removal, destruction or changing of serial number on manufactured articles and providing a penalty.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

343.183 of the statutes is amended to read:

343.183 (1) Any person who removes, defaces, alters, destroys or changes the manufacturer's serial number upon any * * * *motor vehicle as defined in section 85.10, farm machinery* or other manufactured article for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting the identity of such manufactured article, and any person who buys, sells, disposes of, conceals, receives, *transports* or has in his possession any * * * *motor vehicle as defined in section 85.10, farm machinery* or manufactured article with knowledge that the manufacturer's serial number thereof has been removed, defaced, altered or destroyed for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting the identity of said manufactured article, * * * shall be fined not more than \$200 or imprisoned not more than 6 months, or both such fine and imprisonment.

(2) The fact that a person buys, sells, disposes of, conceals, receives, *transports* or has in his possession any such manufactured article from which the manufacturers' serial number has been removed, defaced, altered or destroyed, shall be prima facie evidence that such person has knowledge of such removal, defacement, alteration, or destruction, and that the same was done for the purpose of concealment or misrepresenting the identity of such manufactured article.

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